to cause explosions in prominent cities in india on the eve of Republic Day, 1999. However, with the strict police vigilance no untoward incident was allowed to occur in Delhi.

Attacks against Christians

208. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding attacks against Christian institutions and nons reported since inception of this Government;

(b) the steps taken by Government to curb such attacks; and

(c) the details regarding the persons arrested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Available information in regard to attacks on Christians/Christian Missionaries during 1998 and 1999 (upto February 20) is contained in the enclosed statements (See below I and II).

"Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registrations, investigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Details of individual cases are not maintained at the Central level.

After the recent incidents of attack on minorities, the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States have been advised to issue suitable instructions to the district law and order authorities to respond immediately to the complaints of harassment of minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identify and punish the guilty persons.

The Government is firmly of the view that acts of violence against any community, wherever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealth with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

Statement-I

Attacks on Christians/Christian missionaries during 1998

	No. of Incidents		No. of persons killed		No. of persons Injured	
	Jan-June/July-Dec.		Jan-june/July-Dec		Jan-June/July-Dec.	
Andhra Pradesh	1	-	-	-	-	-
Arunachal Pradesh	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bihar	3	1	1	-	2	-
Dadra & Nagar Haweli	1	-	-	-	1	-
Delhi	-	1	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	5	43	-	-	4	19
Haryana	-	1	-	-	-	-
Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kerala	2	4	-	-	-	-
Karnataka	-	1	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	3	-	-	-	-
Maharashtra	6	3	-	-	-	-
Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orissa	3	-	-	-	-	-
Punjab	1	-	-	-	-	-

	No. of Incidents		No. of persons killed		No. of persons Injured	
	Jan-June/July-Dec.		Jan-june/July-Dec		Jan-June/July-Dec.	
Rajasthan	-	-		-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	-	3	-	-	-	6
Uttar Pradesh	1	1	-	-	5	-
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	24	61	1	-	12	25

Statement-II

Attacks on Christians/Christian missionaries during 1999 (upto February 20)

	No. of Incidents	No. of persons killed	No. of persons injured
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
Bihar	1	-	-
Dadra & Nagar Haweli	-	-	-
Delhi	-	-	-
Gujarat	13	-	-
Haryana	-	-	-
Jammu & Kashmir			
Kerala	4	-	11
Karnataka	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	3	-	-
Maharashtra	1	-	1
Manipur	-	-	-
Orissa	4	3	2
Punjab	-	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	2	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	2	-	-
West Bengal	1	-	-
Total	31	3	14

Talks with ULFA

209. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ULFA had, directely or indirectly, approached the Union Government in January, 1999 for bilateral talks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the talks have since been held; and

(d) if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.